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Hi fischertechnik Fans!

At the start of this year, fischertechnik has been reinforced by the fischer TiP team. During the merger of both companies, many tasks have been redistributed, bringing me a new, very pleasant task. My name is Tobias and from now on, I'll be responsible for the FAN CLUB. I'm very pleased with this new task and will always be there if you need me. The FAN CLUB NEWS lives through your ideas and contributions! Have you got any questions, suggestions or even criticisms? Simply drop us a line or send us an e-mail, we look forward to hearing from you. This issue will show you fischertechnik's new spring products. As ever, you will find super reports and lots of information all about fischertechnik. It goes without saying that once again, super prizes can be won in the Action Corner – just join in! The fischertechnik team hopes you will really enjoy reading the issue. Yours, Tobias.

Model show in Münster and Steinfurt

1,500 visitors and fischertechnik fans came to Steinburg on 13 November 2005 for the model show. At the model show in Münster on 12 December 2005, 800 technical fans and visitors admired the fischertechnik models. Up to 10 exhibitors showed the full range of the fischertechnik world, from simple race cars through to computer-controlled sorting systems. The fischertechnik team would like to say many thanks to the organisers for two successful shows!

ROBOT CAR competition in July

This year in July there's a date you should not miss: the ROBOT CAR competition in the Autovision Museum in Altlußheim. The event is open to everyone aged 10 to 17 years. The models can only be made with standard fischertechnik parts. The aim is to cover the competition route (in the shape of a heart) as quickly as possible without leaving the route. You can choose two levels of difficulty. We have extended the entry deadline until 31.05.2006. Further details and a registration form are on the back of the enclosed price list. So get your names down at once! A fischertechnik special show will be on at the same time. More information at www.autovision-tradition.de

Software ROBO Pro "Up to date"

Computer technology is constantly on the move. That means we have to keep up with the times too. We constantly upgrade our software. The current version is on our website: www.fischertechnik.de where you can download it free of charge (Computing Downloads). The new version also provides new software modules for the RF Data Link. Have you already registered as Computing User? Simply click on Help in the ROBO Pro Software and then on Online Registration. That ensures that in future you will always receive all Computing information automatically.

Clubdag!

Our Dutch fans met on 5 November 2005 for their traditional Clubdag in Schoonhoven. The event was well attended, with many fischertechnik fans from Germany making the journey too. The fischertechnik team congratulates the fischertechnik Club Nederland on its successful Clubdag – many thanks! fischertechnik Club Nederland has more than 300 members and was founded on 19 November 1991. This year the club celebrates its 15th anniversary. Please note the date for the Clubdag on 4 November 2006 in Schoonhoven. It goes without saying that the fans from Holland will also be pleased to welcome all German visitors! Dear fischertechnik Club Nederland, many congratulations and "Hartelijk gefeliciteerd" on your anniversary! We wish you lots of continued fun with fischertechnik!

fischertechnik's new spring products 2006

This year we proudly present five new fischertechnik sets. The three new spring products are presented on this page. The two new autumn products, Super Cranes and Automobile, will be featured in the next NEWS. A new fischertechnik brochure with an overview of the complete range is enclosed with this issue. ROBO Starter Set: the new ROBO Starter Set is the ideal introduction to the world of computerised fischertechnik models (from ten years/€169.95). It consists of 150 parts with motors, buttons, photo transistors and NTC resistors to make eight fascinating models, such as traffic lights, a car park barrier or a hand dryer. The motors and sensors are controlled by the ROBO I/O-Extension. It is advisable to use the Energy Set or the Accu Set as power supply. We have continued the modular principle with the software ROBO Pro. The user interface is easy to use, as is the procedure for editing the programming modules. The programming elements are automatically linked. Sub-programs are stored in their own library, can be copied to other projects and even swapped between different users for example through the internet. Finished program modules can be put together from the library, that guarantees swift, successful programming. The set comes with comprehensive instructions and a didactic accompanying brochure to help and guide you as you progress towards practical projects. Assembly, wiring and programming are clearly explained. The brochure also contains numerous programming tasks with the graphic programming software ROBO Pro – naturally with tips and solutions. Basic Bulldozer: when heavy boulders are in the way, when the going gets too tough for four wheels, or when the Alpine slopes need to be prepared for the next downhill race, this is where the bulldozers come in. The Basic Bulldozer can be used to make four different models from 240 parts. The technical functions of earthmovers, slope bullies, recovery bulldozers and bulldozer cranes can be reproduced right down to the very last detail, offering many different ideas for playing. Absolutely new: the basic unit in red makes the models even more attractive. Basic Cablecars: up, up and away with the Basic Cablecars set. On a long cable, the cablecar copes with the change in level between the door handle and the floor. The 120 parts can also be used to make a goods lift or to make a mountain railway.

CLUB MODEL: "Conveyor with truck"

The potatoes have been harvested and must be delivered straight away. But how do you get the heavy sacks of potatoes onto the truck? The solution: you need a conveyor! Make one from the current fischertechnik Universal II set and our new product, the Basic Bulldozer, a conveyor and the necessary truck. Of course you can use the system to load all sorts of other things too. Have great fun making, playing and discovering!